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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Gabriel BRUYERE et al.

Appl. No.: **NEW NON-PROVISIONAL** Group:

Filed: July 11, 2003 Examiner:

For: MODULAR SECURING DEVICE AND PROCESS OF
LAYING SUCH A DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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July 11, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (amended) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the female linking means (4) consists of several openings and in that the male linking means (5) consists of several hooking elements, the number of hooking elements (5) being equal to the number of openings (4).